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Announcements

NOTE: Copies of all Orders referred to in the *Board of Trade Journal* can be purchased through any booksellers, agents or direct from H.M. Stationery Office. New Orders, however, may not be immediately available.

Women's Costumes and Overcoats

To encourage the production of women's costumes and overcoats in WX sizes, the Board of Trade are prepared to consider claims from specialist makers-up for allowances of coupons in respect of such garments made to fit hips (body measurement) 42–44 inches (i.e. costumes made from Master Patterns with hip measurements of 44–46 inches and overcoats made from Master Patterns with hip measurements of 46–48 inches).

To qualify for this concession, production in these sizes must be at least 15 per cent. of total production.

The allowance will not exceed 2 coupons per coat or costume and will apply to garments made after 1st July 1944.

Similar arrangements, covering women's outsize coats, costumes and dresses and WX dresses, have been in force for some time.

Applications for coupons should be made to the Board of Trade, I.M.3 Department, North Gate, Prince Albert Road, London, N.W.8.

Removal of Restrictions in Clothing for Export

As stated in the Announcement in the *Board of Trade Journal*, 16th September 1944 (page 343) it was the intention of the Board of Trade that the Clothing (Restrictions) Orders (Amendment) Order, 1944, which came into operation on 15th September 1944, should not relate to the Orders covering certain classes of knitted goods. By an error, the Making of Civilian Clothing (Restrictions) (No. 17) Order, 1943 (see *Board of Trade Journal*, 6th March 1943, page 88), which covers these knitted goods, was included in the Schedule of Orders to be amended. The position is being rectified by an amending Order, the Clothing (Restrictions) Orders (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 1944 (S. R. & O. 1944 No. 1087). Knitted Goods subject to the Making of Civilian Clothing (Restrictions) (No. 17) Order, 1943 (including men's, youths' and boys' hose and ¾ hose) intended for export continue to be subject to the same restrictions as goods for the home market.

Household Textiles

The Board of Trade have issued the Household Textiles (Manufacture and Supply) (No. 6) Directions, 1944 (S. R. & O. 1944 No. 1059, price 1d.) which will take effect on 25th September. These Directions add two spun rayon sheetings and sheets to the utility range of household textiles. Wholesale and retail ceiling prices for these items will be specified in a forthcoming Maximum Prices Order.

Stocking Certificates

A second series of stocking certificates, for the "uniform year" 1st September 1944 to 31st August 1945, will be available towards the end of October. Nurses should not, therefore, apply for these certificates until the middle of October.

Authorities responsible for the issue of stocking certificates are reminded that any unissued stocking certificates (Series 1) should be returned to the Board of Trade in accordance with previous instructions.

Authorities should *not* use the series 1 certificates for the present "uniform year."

Footwear and Leather Equipment

As already announced Major F. J. Stratton has taken over the control of Civilian Footwear from Mr. H. G. Durston. In future the Directorate of Service Footwear and Leather Equipment, Ministry of Supply, and the Civilian Footwear Control, Board of Trade, will be merged to form part of the Board of Trade and will be known as the Footwear Control.

Major Stratton (formerly Director of Service Footwear and Leather Equipment of the Ministry of Supply) will be known as Controller of Footwear. Mr. F. Gillett (formerly Assistant Director of Service Footwear and Leather Equipment) has been appointed Director of Planning in the new Control. Mr. A. E. Bond and Mr. A. F. Watts retain the positions which they already held in the Civilian Footwear Control as Director of Materials and Director of Repairs, respectively.

For the time being the work of the new Control will continue to be carried out in the offices of the existing Sections. Correspondence relating to Civilian footwear should continue to be addressed to East Court, West Walk, Leicester. All correspondence relating to Service footwear and Leather equipment should be addressed to 16 Headlands, Kettering, and footwear repairs will continue to be dealt with at Neville House, Page Street, London, S.W.1.

Control of Fertilisers

The Minister of Supply, in consultation with the Secretary of State for Scotland, has made the Control of Fertilisers (No. 28) (Potash) (Scotland) Order, 1944 (S. R. & O. 1944 No. 1046, price 1d.) which revokes the Control of Fertilisers (No. 26) Order, 1942. The new Order provides that Potash may be distributed in Scotland only under the conditions specified in the Potash Fertiliser (Acquisition and Rates of Application) (Scotland) Order, 1944 (S. R. & O. 1944 No. 1069, price 1d.) made by the Secretary of State for Scotland.

Board of Trade Appointment

The Board of Trade have appointed Mr. A. Harold Ward, O.B.E., Inspector-General in Bankruptcy to be also Official Receiver for the District of the Reading, Banbury, Newbury, Oxford and Windsor County Courts with effect from 1st October 1944 in the place of Mr. J. B. Simmons, retired.

Trading with the Enemy

ADVICE TO SHIPPERS

VESSELS AGAINST WHICH DISCRIMINATION IS BEING EXERCISED BY THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC WARFARE

(a) Shipowners on the Statutory List

Shippers, banks and other financial and commercial concerns are hereby notified that the following vessels belong to owners

who are included in the Statutory List, and that it is an offence against the Trading with the Enemy Act for any shipper to make use of such vessels. Shipments by such vessels in addition to being liable to seizure render the shippers or those connected with the consignment liable to prosecution :—

Vessel	Flag	Tons	Owners or Charterers
Galatasaray	Turkey	724	Sadikoglu, Aslan, Kaptan
Crespi (ex Jose Trujillo)	Spain	338	Cia Comercial Maritima de Transportes S.A.
San Juan II ...	Ditto	552	Ditto
Isora	Ditto	316	Ditto
Rigel (ex Tercio Montejurra) ...	Ditto	549	Ditto
Maribel	Ditto	398	Ditto
Salvador	Ditto	130	Ditto
Alcora	Ditto	216	Ditto
Lin tte	Ditto	398	Ditto
Almagro	Argentina	282	A. M. Delfino y Cia
San Martin	Ditto	220	Ditto
Comodoro Rivadavia	Ditto	4,482	Argentina Neuva Cia General de Navegacion
Rio Blanco (ex Madryn) ...	Ditto	1,827	Ditto
Atleta	Ditto	105	La Portena Empresa de Remolcadores
Ciclope	Ditto	173	Ditto
Coloso	Ditto	247	Ditto
Gigante	Ditto	236	Ditto
Goliat	Ditto	237	Ditto
Hercules	Ditto	173	Ditto
Sameon	Ditto	237	Ditto
Titan	Ditto	188	Ditto
San Rafael Archangel	Spain	98	Julio Gonsales Martin, Las Palmas
Maria del Pilar G. ...	Ditto	54	Ditto
Presidente Mitre ...	Argentina	372	Cia Argentina Comercia e Industrial de Pesqueria
Presidente Roca ...	Ditto	412	Ditto
Carvalho	Portugal	27	Henrique Da Silva Pinto Ferro
Maria 3°	Ditto	56	Pedro Joao de Sousa
Maria 5°	Ditto	56	Ditto
Guadiana 4°... ...	Ditto	13	Ditto
Maria Menuela ...	Ditto	10	Ditto
Blanca de C	Spain	285	Ramon Carranza
Ramon de Carranza	Ditto	224	Ditto
Reina Victoria ...	Ditto	162	Ditto
Paco Nino	Ditto	30	Ditto
San Vicente	Ditto	40	Ditto
Paco	Ditto	300	Jose Leon Carranza
Negro (trawler) (ex Purification Costas Maravilla)... ...	Ditto	109	Viuda de Botello (Senora Gally)
Blanco (trawler) (ex Manuel Gestoso Chicha)	Ditto	109	Ditto
Antonio Chicha (trawler)	Ditto	112	Manuel Gestoso Costas
Jose Chicha (trawler)	Ditto	?	Ditto
Sewim	Turkey	1,164	Abdi Vehbi Dural
Atlantides	Sweden	9,650	Rederi A/B Atlantides
Solvik	Ditto	649	Ditto
Miguel Caldenty ...	Spain	74	Juan Mora A. Bou
Nuevo Corazon ...	Ditto	122	Ditto
San Cayetano ...	Argentina	400	"Cardimex" Comp. Argentin, de Importacion y Exportacion S.A.
Nuestra Senora de la Almudena... ...	Spain	41	Otto Gerdtzen
Manen	Ditto	398	Angel Rivas Suardiaz
Skansen	Sweden	744	Euhorning Kemiskt-Tekniskt A/B
Nordanbris (ex Pollux)	Ditto	8,971	Rederi A/B Bellatrix
Ostbris	Ditto	978	Ditto
Sunnanbris	Ditto	8,721	Rederi A/B Erious
Westbris	Ditto	972	Ditto
His Africa	Spain	85	Salah Ben Hamza
Antares	Ditto	—	Cia Comercia Maritimal de Transportes S.A.
Polar	Ditto	—	Ditto
Chiqui	Ditto	398	Angel Rivas Suardiaz
Antonio Dias ...	Ditto	36	Jose Maria Delgado
Faro de Buda ...	Ditto	226	Atlantida Astilleros and Construcciones S.A.
Faro de Salou ...	Ditto	226	Ditto
Faro de Oropesa ...	Ditto	226	Ditto
Faro de Canet ...	Ditto	226	Ditto
Carmen Frexias ...	Ditto	349	Agencia Frexias
Coname 1°	Ditto	489	Comp. Naviera del Mediterraneo S.A.
Condecorado ...	Ditto	567	Hijos de M. Condeminas
Condestable	Ditto	516	Ditto
San Daniel	Ditto	190	Cristina Svardias
Sancho Panza ...	Ditto	197	Ditto
Santa Ana	Ditto	322	Maries y Serra en C.
Carmelita	Ditto	117	Jeronimo Ylpland (effective owner)
Norte	Ditto	26	Jesus Franquesa (nom. owner)
Arabert	Sweden	2840	Rederi A/B Solstad
Aravall	Ditto	2900	Ditto
Procyon	Spain	399	Cia Comercial Maritime de Transportes S.A.
Canopus	Ditto	399	Ditto
Goya	Ditto	—	Angel Rivas Suardiaz
Plencia	Ditto	78	Cia Comercial Maritime de Transportes S.A.

Iron Rubber Composition Sheeting

A quantity of $10\frac{1}{2}$ and 12 Iron Rubber Composition Sheeting has now been made available for cutting into top-pieces for distribution to the footwear repair trade.

It has been arranged that this sheeting should be cut into top-pieces in the following size ranges ; prices to retailers should not exceed the following amounts : *Sizes in* $10\frac{1}{2}$ *Iron :* $1\frac{3}{4}$ to $1\frac{7}{8}$ inches —2s. 10d. per dozen pairs ; 2 inches, $2\frac{1}{8}$ inches, $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches—3s. 7d. per dozen pairs ; $2\frac{3}{8}$ inches, $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches, $2\frac{5}{8}$ inches—4s. 6d. per dozen pairs. *Sizes in* 12 *Iron :* $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches, $2\frac{7}{8}$ inches, 3 inches —6s. 9d. per dozen pairs.

The following firms are undertaking the cutting and distribution to the Leather and Grindery Merchants. The distribution is not being zoned. Messrs. E. Brearly & Co. Ltd., Halifax; Messrs. Collinsons Cut Soles Ltd., Liverpool ; Messrs. Lloydsoles Ltd., Blackburn ; Messrs. Combined Rubber Co., St. Dunstan's House, London, E.C.3 ; Messrs. Derrick & Hosegood Ltd., Bristol ; Messrs. Fox Bros., Burton Latimer, Kettering ; Messrs. Nobes & Hunt Ltd., Bermondsey, London, S.E.1 ; Messrs. H. Ingham & Co., Audenshaw, Manchester ; Messrs. M. & W. Leathers Ltd., Lister Mills, Leeds ; Messrs. Faire Brothers & Co. Ltd., Leicester ; Messrs. E. Tainsh & Co., Glasgow.

Amendment to Registers

The Board of Trade have issued lists of amendments to the following Registers :—

Home Trade Register ; Toilet Preparations Register ; Register of Manufacturers of Leather or Textile Containers and Straps; Register of Manufacturers of Woven Wool Cloth ; Register of Manufacturers of Woven Non-Wool Cloth ; Register of Manufacturers of Knitted Goods ; Register of Manufacturers of Fur Apparel ; Register of Manufacturers of Hand Knitting Yarn ; Register of Manufacturers of Headwear ; Register of Special Producers ; Register of Exporters of Woven Piece Goods.

Copies of the lists are obtainable from H.M. Stationery Office, price 1d. each.

Canadian Water Power Resources

The Dominion Water and Power Bureau, Surveys and Engineering Branch, Department of Mines and Resources of Canada, has published volume 85 of the Water Resources Papers dealing with the surface water supply of Canada. This number contains the results of investigations by the Dominion Hydrometric Survey during the climatic years 1st October 1937 to 30th September 1939, in the provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

The report, which combines the English and French versions in one volume, contains a short explanation of the organisation and scope of the work, 442 pages of stream flow data for the principal rivers and streams in the two provinces and a list of previous publications in this series. The hydrometric data include for most stations the mean monthly discharges during the years of record. The price of this report is 1 dollar per copy and may be obtained by sending the purchase price (cheque or postal note payable to the order of the Receiver General of Canada) to the Controller of the Dominion Water and Power Bureau, Department of Mines and Resources, Ottawa, Canada.

United Kingdom Corn Prices

The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries states that the average prices of British corn per hundredweight in the week ended 16th September 1944 were wheat, 13s. 1d. ; barley, 25s. 3d. ; and oats, 16s. 0d.

Postal Notices

EXTENSION OF AIRGRAPH SERVICE TO CIVILIANS IN CYRENAICA AND TRIPOLITANIA

The Postmaster-General announces that airgraphs for civilian addresses in Cyrenaica and Tripolitania can now be accepted. The charge is 3d. per airgraph.

MAILS LOST BY ENEMY ACTION

The Postmaster-General regrets to announce that the undermentioned SURFACE mails from the United Kingdom have been lost by enemy action :—

Parcels for	Approximate dates of posting
Madagascar and Mauritius ...	26th March–14th June.

CHRISTMAS MAILS

The Postmaster-General announces that as it is impracticable, owing to war conditions, to publish a general list of the latest dates of posting for correspondence intended for Christmas delivery at destinations overseas, he would urge the public to post much earlier than in peace time. Christmas greetings, etc., for relatives and friends living in the more distant parts of the Empire should be posted at once. The latest dates of posting to the principal Forces overseas will be published in due course.

WINTER POSTAL SERVICE

The Postmaster-General announces that in view of the cessation of double-summer-time and the present man-power position, restricted Winter Postal Services will be introduced in the London Postal Area on and from Sunday, 24th September. Details of the changes are as follows :—

(1) The final letter collection Monday to Saturday will be made at 5.30 p.m. in the Head Districts (6.30 p.m. at the Head District Office box) and at 4.0/4.30 p.m. in the Sub-Districts.

In addition, in each Sub-District area, a clearance will be made, at from 5.0 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., from one or two selected

posting boxes particulars of which may be obtained on enquiry at the Postmen's Office or at any Branch Post Office.

(2) The noon (Sub-District) and 1 p.m. (Head District) collection will remain, as at present, the latest time of posting for delivery the following morning throughout England and Wales

(3) The final general collection of parcels will be made at 4.0/4.30 p.m. in the Head Districts and at 3.30 p.m. in the Sub-Districts.

(4) The first delivery in both Head and Sub-Districts will commence at 7.30/7.45 a.m. and the final delivery at 1.30/1.45 p.m. The delivery made in the Head Districts at about 10.30/11.0 a.m. will be restricted to business areas.

(5) The Sunday evening general collection will be made at 5.30 p.m. in the Head Districts (6.30 p.m. at the Head District Office box), and at 4.0/4.30 p.m. in the Sub-District areas.

The public are urged to post as much as they can as early as they can, and if possible before noon.

British Standard Specifications

MILLED LEAD SHEET AND STRIP

The above specification (B.S. 1178:1944) has recently been issued by the British Standards Institution for milled lead sheet and strip for roofs, weatherings, damp proof courses and other building work.

The specification is in two parts which provides separately for milled sheet and milled strip. The sheet is to be produced by rolling, but the strip may be produced by rolling, extruding, or by cutting from sheets.

The specification lays down the chemical composition, standard weights and sizes for sheets. It also requires the lead to be marked to indicate that it conforms to the specification requirements.

Copies of this specification are available from the British Standards Institution, 28 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1, at 1s. post free.

AIR DRYING BLACK PAINT FOR COOKING APPLIANCES

The British Standards Institution has just issued a specification (B.S. 1176 : 1944) for air-drying black paint for cooking appliances with the reference number B.S. 1176.

Under war-time conditions the normal finishes for cooking appliances for cast iron and mild steel have not been obtainable and it was necessary to devise a form of paint which would be a satisfactory substitute and would be suitable to withstand the conditions of temperature to which cooking appliances are subjected.

The specification provides for paint of two types—Type A for use at temperatures up to 150°C. and Type B for use at temperatures up to 230°C.

The specification in form follows the usual lines in that it includes requirements for flash point, drying time, corrosion resistance, resistance to grease and flexibility.

Copies of this specification may be obtained from the British Standards Institution, 28 Victoria Street, London, S.W., price 2s. post free.

SIZES OF STRESS GRADED SOFTWOOD TIMBERS

As a supplement to the standards which have been prepared for the stress grading of timber for structural purposes, B.S. 940 (Parts 1 and 2) the British Standards Institution has just issued a new standard (B.S. 1175 : 1944) which standardises the sizes of timber which should be used for stressed structural work.

The Foreword points out that in ordering timber users should pay strict attention to the following points :

(*a*) To enquire what sections are really available, and to avoid as far as possible specifying sections which are in short supply.

(*b*) To specify the minimum length that can be used and to call for long lengths only when essential.

(*c*) To order, as far as is consistent with economy in the use of material on the site, sections in random lengths, thus avoiding the additional cost that would result from having to select specified lengths. Stocks are normally held in the United Kingdom in random lengths ; the range of which varies with the country of origin.

(*d*) To note that generally the cost per unit of timber increases :

(i) with increase in the depth of face of the section (Douglas Fir and Western Hemlock largely excepted).

(ii) with increase in length above the normal average length for the species.

The standard covers beams from $1\frac{1}{2} \times 3$ inches up to 12×24 inches. The columns range from 4×4 inches to 14×14 inches and there is a table for members of small sections which are subject to compression and bending and these are from $1\frac{1}{2} \times 3$ inches up to 2×6 inches.

Copies of this specification are available from the British Standards Institution, 28 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1, 2s. post free.

CONVERSION FACTORS AND TABLES

A revised and considerably enlarged edition of B.S. 350 has been issued, comprising linear, square and cubic measures, measures of capacity, weights, speeds, stresses and pressures, weight per unit length, densities, concentrations, forces, moments, moments of inertia, work, heat, energy and power. There are, also, temperature conversion charts and tables, and wire and sheet metal gauge sizes expressed in decimals of an inch and in millimetres. The book is divided into five parts. Part 1 contains basic tables of units, and definitions affecting conversions. Part 2 consists of conversion factors presented in the form of 27 tables. Part 3 contains multiples from 1 to 9 of 119 conversion factors. In the 32 tables included in Part 4 the range is usually from 1–100 units, whilst the 20 tables in common use included in Part 5 cover, in general, a range of 1–1,000 units. Cooies of the above standard can be obtained from the British Standards Institution, 28 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1, price 3s. 6d. net.

Customs Regulations and Tariff Changes

Argentina

SALE OF INSECTICIDES, FUNGICIDES, ETC.

H.M. Minister (Commercial) at Buenos Aires has forwarded a translation of Decree No. 16073/44 of 6th July 1944, which stipulates certain conditions regarding the sale of insecticides, fungicides, etc., in Argentina.

The degree prohibits the sale of insecticides, fungicides, weed-killers and auxiliary products without the prior authorisation of the Minister of Agriculture. Manufacturers, importers and others who desire to sell any specified products must apply for the sales authorisation from the Register of Plant Therapeutics on a special form accompanied by the necessary excise stamps and pay the requisite fee for analysis. The applicant must present samples of the product in the quantity and conditions which the Tribunal of Control of Plant Therapeutics may stipulate for each kind of product.

When the interested parties are representatives of foreign firms or products, they must present the respective power of attorney, accompanied by a Consular document from the place of origin, visé by the local Argentine Consul and legalised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship. A translation of the power of attorney on unstamped paper must be attached, signed by the applicant or representative.

The sale in bulk of insecticides, fungicides, weed-killers and auxiliary products is prohibited ; they must always be sold in approved containers.

The decree also provides that the labels of the products authorised must show the formula or chemical composition printed in Spanish, in a visible place, together with the data of manufacture (if it is a product liable to alteration), instructions for use, doses to be applied, and the other date required by Law No. 11275. In the case of poisonous products the word "poison" must be printed in a visible place, in red letters, together with the distinguishing mark and details of precautions and antidotes which are recommended.

A full text of the decree, in Spanish and English, can be seen by persons interested at the Department of Overseas Trade, Hawkins House, Dolphin Square, London, S.W.1.

Canada

CUSTOMS TARIFF

H.M. Senior Trade Commissioner at Ottawa has forwarded copies of Memoranda Series D No. 47 T.C. 171 and 172 which contain the following information :—

By Order in Council P.C. 6011 of 1st August 1944 the following new Tariff Item is established for the period 1st January 1944 to 31st December 1944 :—

269b. Products of petroleum, n.o.p., ·934 specific gravity (20 A.P.I.) or heavier at 60 degrees Fahrenheit, when imported into British Columbia ports in bulk by tank vessels.

British Preferential Tariff—Free.

Intermediate Tariff—Free. General Tariff—Free.

By Order in Council P.C. 6009 of 1st August 1944 the following new Tariff Item is established, effective 1st April 1944 :—

535f. Waste portions of unused fabrics, or used garments, imported to be used exclusively for disintegrating, or for manufacture into wiping rags, under regulations prescribed by the Minister.

British Preferential Tariff—Free.

Intermediate Tariff—Free. General Tariff—Free.

Cyprus

DUTY FREE IMPORT OF EDIBLE OILS

Supplement No. 3 to the "Cyprus Gazette" of 6th July contains a copy of Order in Council No. 2128, which provides for the duty free import of edible oils into Cyprus, with effect from 22nd May.

Egypt

RESTRICTIONS IN THE IMPORT, EXPORT AND TRADING IN DIAMONDS

The Egyptian "Journal Officiel" No. 86 of 18th July 1944 contains a Proclamation No. 513, operative as from the above date, restricting the import, export and trading in diamonds.

Under the Proclamation, holders of uncut or unpolished diamonds must, within ten days of the date of its publication, declare them to the Administration of Stampings, Weights and Measures giving full particulars as to the number of pieces, their weight and value, and present location. Diamonds declared in accordance with the above must not be sold or transferred from their present location without the previous permission of the Administration, nor must any arrangement be concluded for the transfer or ownership of the property.

The Proclamation also prohibits the import and export of diamonds, whether cut or uncut, polished or unpolished, unless previously authorised by the Administration.

A copy of the Proclamation (in French) may be seen by persons interested on application to the Department of Overseas Trade, Hawkins House, Dolphin Square, London, S.W.1.

IMPORT PROHIBITIONS

With reference to previous notices under the above heading in the *Board of Trade Journal*, the Egyptian "Journal Officiel" of 3rd August 1944 contains a Law No. 88 of 1944, operative as from 8th August, prohibiting the import of tinned vegetables and vegetable products to which have been added copper compounds or any other colouring matter injurious to health, and butter and its substitutes containing boric acid or other boracic substances or any other preservative matter injurious to health.

The importation of tinned vegetables and vegetable products and butter and its substitutes is subject to the production of a certificate issued by the Administrative Authority in the country of origin, confirming that the said foodstuffs are free from the addition of the substances mentioned above. Where no such certificate is issued in the country of origin, it may be replaced by any other certificate considered as sufficient by the Egyptian Health Authorities. Consignments not accompanied by this certificate must be returned to the exporter within one month from the date that the Customs Administration advise the interested party of the arrival of the goods, or, if sent by parcel post, from the date of the examination of the parcel. Exceeding this time limit, the goods will be destroyed and no compensation will be payable.

Notwithstanding the production of a certificate from the country of origin, the Health Authority may stop, provisionally, the release of these goods from the Customs or from the post, with a view to their being chemically examined. For this purpose, the Health Authority may take examples for analysis after having advised the interested party to this effect, and a record must be kept containing all the necessary particulars for the identification of the samples and parcels from which they have been taken.

If the analysis of the sample discloses the existence of any of the injurious substances previously mentioned, the Health Authority will order the return of the consignment to the country of origin. If this re-export has not been effected within one month from the time of the notification of this decision, the consignment will be destroyed and no compensation will be payable.

The Health Authority may prohibit the re-export of the consignment and proceed with its immediate destruction. There is no appeal against these decisions.

Eire

IMPORTATION OF OILS AND FATS

The Board of Trade have received a copy of an order made by the Minister for Supplies prohibiting on and from 17th August 1944, the importation into Eire, except under licence, of (*a*) animal fats or oils (including fish oils other than cod liver oil or halibut liver oil) rendered and/or refined, (*b*) vegetable fats or oils (other than margarine), which are wholly or mainly glycerides, (*c*) mixtures of two or more articles included under (*a*) or (*b*), and (*d*) the following seed or nuts from which the oil has not been expressed: sesame seed, rape seed, cotton seed, sunflower seed, cocoa nuts, copra, palm kernels, ground nuts, cocoa beans. Parcels of the above articles not exceeding 1 cwt. in weight and imported in one consignment are exempt from the provisions of this order.

Malta

IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

The "Malta Government Gazette" of 2nd May contains a copy of the Importation (Control of) Regulations, 1944, which prohibit the importation of all goods, including those imported through the post, except under the authority of a licence granted by the Food and Commerce Control Officer. The importation of books, periodicals and newspapers through the post is unrestricted.

Peru

PHARMACEUTICAL SPECIALITIES

With reference to the notice under the above heading in *Board of Trade Journal*, 1st July 1944 (page 243), H.M. Representative at Lima has forwarded a translation of a further decree, issued 8th August, which prescribes regulations for the amplification of the Decree of 9th May requiring the registration of certain chemical and galenical products.

Under the new regulations factories or laboratories making chemical products or galenical preparations for human or veterinary medicinal use, which operate under the control and vigilance of the competent sanitary authority of their country of origin, and which have been registered or may be registered, shall be allowed to make a global registration of the list or catalogue of the products which they may have presented or may present at the time of their application for registration in the register of factories or laboratories at the Inspection General of Pharmacy. In such cases a fee of 500 soles will be paid for the official control analysis, and this amount will cover the total cost of the complete list of products; it will be necessary to present samples only of those products when requested by the Inspection General of Pharmacy.

Products of foreign firms which have not had their status of manufacturers authorised by their respective Governments shall be liable to control and the payment of the fees for analysis as laid down in Article 2 of the Presidential Decree of 9th May as a condition for obtaining authorisation for their entry into Peru.

Should it be proved that products sent to Peru by foreign firms do not correspond to the quality declared on the invoice label, the Inspection General of Pharmacy will cancel the registration of the exporting firm and prohibit the entry of their products into Peru.

The global registration must be renewed every five years.

United States of America

CONTROL OF IMPORTS

With reference to the notice under the above heading in *Board of Trade Journal*, 19th August 1944, page 308, and previous notices, the Board of Trade have received a copy of General Imports Order, M.63, as amended at 17th August 1944 and of Amendment No. 1 thereto dated 19th August. A copy of the amended Order can be seen by persons interested on application to the Department of Overseas Trade, Hawkins House, Dolphin Square, London, S.W.1.

Trade and Industry

British India

CROP CONDITIONS AND OUTLOOK

The Department of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Calcutta, reports as follows on the crops in India for the weeks ended on the dates given:—

Madras, 26th August. Standing crops are fair except in Bellary.

Bihar, 2nd September. Crops are fair and the harvesting of Bhadoi is going on.

Orissa, 4th September. Biali paddy is ripening. Cotton and sugarcane are thriving.

Punjab, 4th September. Crops are average to good except in the unirrigated Ambala areas owing to some insect damage.

United Provinces, 2nd September. Some crop damage is reported.

Central Provinces and Berar, 1st September. Khariff is improving.

Bengal, 6th September. Crops prospects are favourable and the harvesting of jute is progressing.

WHEAT CROP

Calcutta, 12th September. The final official estimate of the Indian wheat crop for this season places production at 9,690,000 tons compared with the July estimate of 9,851,000 tons and last year's crop of 11,032,000 tons. Production is thus down 12 per cent. compared with last year. Acreage was down 2 per cent. at 33,740,000 acres against 34,417,000 last season.

Canada

FOREIGN TRADE JANUARY–JUNE

Canada's external trade in June, excluding gold, was of near-record proportions, the aggregate being 498,465,000 dollars as compared with 529,887,000 dols. made the previous month and 397,899,000 dols. in June 1943, states "Commercial Intelligence Journal" issued by the Department of Trade and Commerce, Ottawa.

IMPORT TRADE

Imports of merchandise in June were valued at 152,478,000 dols. as compared with 146,762,000 dols. in the corresponding month of last year. The aggregate for the first six months of this year was 864,529,000 dols. as against 839,684,000 dols. in the like period of 1943. The following were among the leading commodities imported in June, totals for June 1943 being shown in parenthesis: fruits, 6,493,000 dols. (3,798,000); vegetables, 2,016,000 dols. (2,089,000); coffee and chicory, 3,360,000 dols. (494,000); cotton, 8,155,000 dols (6,494,000); wool, 3,587,000 dols. (2,988,000); rolling mill products, 3,701,000 dols. (6,311,000); engines and boilers, 3,808,000 dols. (4,197,000); farm implements, 3,868,000 dols. (1,602,000); machinery, except agricultural, 6,934,000 dols. (13,115,000); vehicles, 7,482,000 dols. (7,700,000); electrical apparatus, 5,465,000 dols. (4,667,000); coal, 9,587,000 dols. (7,482,000); petroleum products, 9,759,000 dols. (8,073,000); cehmicals, 7,519,000 dols. (6,359,000).

The United States was the chief source of supply, imports from that country in June amounting to 122,240,000 dols. as against 121,085,000 dols. in June of last year and during the six months ended in June to 708,968,000 dols. as against 688,399,000 dols. a year earlier.

Merchandise imports from the United Kingdom in June were valued at 9,412,000 dols as compared with 9,715,000 dols. in June of last year, the value for the six months ended June amounting to 54,462,000 dols. as compared with 65,291,000 dols. in the same period of last year. Imports from other leading countries in June were as follows, totals for June 1943, being shown in parenthesis: British India, 2,270,000 dols. (1,685,000); Colombia, 1,619,000 dols. (176,000); New Zealand, 1,441,000 dols. (512,000); Brazil, 1,384,000 dols. (323,000); Jamaica, 1,369,000 dols. (851,000); Newfoundland, 1,144,000 dols. (1,042,000); Mexico, 957,000 dols. (632,000); Australia, 834,000 dols. (1,195,000); Venezuela, 834,000 dols. (305,000).

EXPORT TRADE

Domestic exports in June, excluding gold, were valued at 343,158,000 dols. as compared with 368,357,000 dols. in May and 249,232,000 dols. in June 1943. Merchandise exports during the first half of 1944 were valued at 1,746,268,000 dols. as against 1,277,763,000 dols. in the same period of 1943, an increase of 468,505,000 dols. Re-exports in June were valued at 2,829,000 dols. and in the six months ended June last at 22,448,000 dols. The following were among the chief commodities exported in June, values for June 1943 being shown in parenthesis: wheat, 32,685,000 dols. (22,461,000); wheat flour, 8,757,000 dols. (5,850,000); fishery products, 5,474,000 dols. (5,413,000); meats, 23,564,000 dols. (11,860,000); eggs, 2,450,000 dols. (1,835,000); wool, 2,655,000 dols. (237,000); planks and boards, 7,079,000 dols. (6,140,000); wood pulp, 9,044,000 dols. (9,621,000); newsprint paper, 14,391,000 dols. (11,485,000); motor velhcles and parts, 38,088,000 dols. (35,293,000); chemicals, 11,530,000 dols. (5,335,000).

Merchandise exports to the United Kingdom in June last were valued as 127,929,000 dols. as compared with 105,615,000 dols. in the corresponding month of 1943, the aggregate for the first half of the current year amounting to 652,761,000 dols. as against 449,888,000 dols. in the same period of last year. June shipments to the United States were valued at 111,157,000 dols. as compared with 90,935,000 dols. a year earlier, increasing the six months total to 637,623,000 dols. from 521,824,000 dols. a year ealier.

Domestic exports to Egypt in June last were valued at 20,588,000 dols. (6,460,000 dols. in June of last year); to Italy, 19,080,000 dols. as against nil; British India, 13,359,000 dols. (11,295,000); the Soviet Union, 9,828,000 dols. (1,640,000); China, 7,002,000 dols. (nil.); Newfoundland, 5,756,000 (4,564,000).

Southern Rhodesia

MINERAL OUTPUT, 1943–44

According to the Economic and Statistical Bulletin of Southern Rhodesia issued by the Department of Statistics, Salisbury, the output of minerals (excluding gold) in 1943 was valued at £8,864,041 as compared with £9,377,167 in 1942. Gold produced during these periods was valued at £5,516,146 and £6,384,255 respectively.

During the first half of the current year the totals were—minerals, £4,188,781 and gold, £2,495,830.

DAIRY PRODUCTION IN 1943

There was again a considerable increase in the quantity of fresh milk sold in 1943 and a record figure of 3,639,064 gallons was reached compared with 3,146,797 gals. in 1942, states the Department of Statistics, Salisbury.

A rise was recorded of 157,652 lbs. of butter fat sold by farmers from 851,952 lbs. (or the equivalent of 212,988 gals. cream) in 1942 to 1,009,604 lbs. (252,401 gals. cream) in 1943.

The production of butter by creameries and on farms increased from 1,335,602 lbs. in 1942 to 1,439,361 lbs. in 1943, and of this creamery butter rose from 1,149,271 lbs. in 1942 to 1,315,407 lbs. in 1943. Farm butter, on the other hand, decreased from 186,331 lbs. in 1942 to 123,954 lbs. in the year under review.

Cheese produced by factories and farm dairies showed an advance of 46,696 lbs. from 496,252 lbs. in 1942 to 542,948 lbs. in 1943. Of this total 420,092 lbs. was made by factories and 122,856 lbs. by farm dairies.

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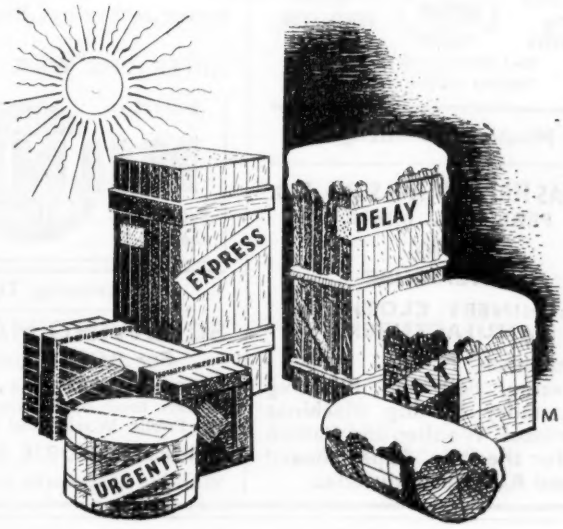

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